

What Is Claimed Is:

1           1. An image interception method, comprising the steps of:  
2           providing a document;  
3           obtaining an image contained in the document;  
4           recognizing the image; and  
5           intercepting the image if the image is recognized as an  
6           objectionable image .

1           2. The method as claimed in claim 1 further opening the  
2           document.

1           3. The method as claimed in claim 1 further showing the  
2           image if the image is not recognized as an objectionable image.

1           4. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the image can  
2           be obtained by reading the image directly if the image is  
3           attached to the document.

1           5. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the image can  
2           be obtained by reading the image through a link if the image is  
3           linked to within the document.

1           6. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the image is  
2           recognized by a recognition module.

1           7. The method as claimed in claim 6 further setting the  
2           sensitivity of the recognition module.

1           8. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the document  
2 is a webpage.

1           9. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the document  
2 is an email message.

1           10. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the document  
2 is a document generated within an office productivity  
3 application.

11. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the document  
is a PDF document.

12. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the  
objectionable image contains sexual themes.